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SUBJECT: TEXT OF US RESERVATION TO DRAFT REPORT OF THE SEMINAR ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POPULATION FACTORS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ECLA SANTIAGO.

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF US RESERVATIONS TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SEMINAR ON THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POPULATION FACTORS HELD IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA APRIL 28-MAY 2 AND PROVISIONAL REPORT OF THE SEMINAR ST/ESA/SER.B/7; E/CEPAL/1006.

2. A DEADLINE OF MAY 17TH, 1975 HAS BEEN SET FOR THE RECEIPT OF THIS MATERIAL. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE STATEMENT SO THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH THIS DEADLINE. A DUPLICATE TEXT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO MR. DAVID UNCLASSIFIED

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POLLACK THE WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE OF ECLA. PLEASE CONFIRM DELIVERY.

3. AT THE SEMINAR THE US DELEGATION COULD NOT JOIN A CON-

SENSUS FOR THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION OF THE SEMINAR. AS MEMBERS OF ECLA, THE USG WISHES TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO INSERT A RESERVATION TO THE DECLARATION IN THE ANNEX OF THE FINAL REPORT. TEXT FOLLOWS:

UNITED STATES RESERVATIONS

4. THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVENTED ITS DELEGATION FROM RECORDING ITS VIEWS BY A VOTE ON THE DECLARATION OF THE SEMINAR, AS THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REASONS, WHICH ARE SET FORTH HEREIN AS FORMAL RESERVATIONS:

5. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE CONCEPT OF ISSUING A FORMAL DECLARATION, AS IT WAS FELT THIS WAS OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE GENERAL PRACTICE OF SEMINARS AND DETRACTED FROM THE MAIN PURPOSE, NAMELY, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. NEVERTHELESS, OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY, THE US DELEGATION WOULD HAVE JOINED IN A CONSENSUS ON THE DECLARATION IF THE CONTENT HAD BEEN ACCEPTABLE.

6. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FORMULATION IN PARAGRAPH 11(E) THAT THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES CONSTITUTED A "BASIC ELEMENT" IN ESTABLISHING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THAT IT WAS "FOUNDED ON EQUITY,...COMMON INTEREST..."ETC., SINCE THE UNITED STATES VOTED AGAINST THE CHARTER IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST DECEMBER. AS IS KNOWN, AND AS WAS SHOWN IN THE SEPARATE VOTES ON THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER, THERE IS MUCH IN IT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAN SUPPORT, BUT THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF KEY PROVISIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ACCEPT. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REGRETS THAT, DESPITE ITS EFFORTS, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO RECAST THIS REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER IN A FORM ALL PRESENT COULD HAVE AGREED TO.

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7. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FELT THAT THE REFERENCE TO "GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT" IN PARAGRAPH 11(G) WAS NOT GERMANE TO THE SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH IT COULD HAVE ACCEPTED THIS REFERENCE WITH THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS "UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE CONTROL." REGRETTABLY THIS CHANGE WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

8. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THE DELETION FROM PARAGRAPH 11(F) OF THE WORD "NEO-COLONIALISM" AS A TERM WHICH LACKS DEFINITION AND WHICH HAS BEEN USED LOOSELY AND IRRESPONSIBLY BY SOME COUNTRIES TO ATTACK OTHERS.

9. THE UNITED STATES FURTHER REGRETS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE DECLARATION CENTERED PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS THE PREREQUISITE FOR EQUALITY OF WOMEN. IT BELIEVES THAT SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN'S UNEQUAL STATUS CANNOT WAIT UNTIL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE ACHIEVED.

10. WOMEN IN THE INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT BRING EQUALITY TO WOMEN. IN SPITE OF SOME 200 YEARS OF STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, WOMEN ARE STILL LARGELY ABSENT FROM THE CENTERS OF POWER IN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THOSE SOCIETIES.

11. WE SEE THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR TASK OF ACHIEVING EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WOMEN AS ESSENTIAL TO THE FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL POLITICAL SYSTEM, WITHIN A WORLD SOCIETY WHICH MOVES TOWARD A MORE JUST, EQUITABLE AND PRODUCTIVE WORLD ORDER AND ONE THAT IS BASED ON A WORLD COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN WORTH AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETIES IN A MANNER TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL HUMAN POTENTIALS. THE CENTURIES OLD PRACTICES OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ARE SO DEEPLY INGRAINED IN THE FIBER OF SOCIETY THAT SERIOUS EFFORTS TO ERADICATE DISCRIMINATION MUST BECOME A PART OF EVERY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AT EVERY LEVEL OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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12. THE ILO HAS STATED THAT NOWHERE IN THE WORLD HAS DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX BEEN COMPLETELY ELIMINATED; UNEQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STILL EXIST IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION, AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG WOMEN. OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF CAREERS FOR WOMEN ARE ESPECIALLY LACKING. APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK IS SELDOM ENFORCED EVEN THOUGH MANY COUNTRIES HAVE LONG ENDORSED ITS PRINCIPLES IN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

13. DISCRIMINATION BEFORE THE LAW AND IN PRACTICE IN MATTERS RELATED TO THE FAMILY HAS NOT BEEN OVERCOME; IT IS FOUND IN ALL DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING SOCIETIES, EITHER OPENLY OR COVERTLY MANIFESTED IN DIVERSE FORMS.

14. WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN 1970, ACCEPTED RESOLUTION 2716 THAT SET FORTH A PROGRAM OF CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN DURING THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE IT RECOMMENDED MINIMUM TARGETS IN EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND MATERNITY PROTECTION AND IN ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC LIFE.

PROGRESS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS WAS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO THE TOTAL PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT.

15. EXAMPLES CAN BE FOUND IN ALL AREAS OF COMMUNITY LIFE IN VIOLATION OF UN PRINCIPLES AND TO THE DETRIMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS. IN THE POLITICAL AREA WOMEN CONSTITUTE HALF OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD YET IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES THEY CONSTITUTE ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THOSE IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP, IN POLICY-MAKING AT UPPER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE WOMEN ARE NOT INVOLVED IN DECISION-MAKING THEIR VIEWS AND NEEDS ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED BY DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS.

16. IN EDUCATION WHERE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND WHERE EDUCATION IS A KEY FACTOR IN REDUCING SOCIO-ECONOMIC GAPS, WOMEN ARE AT A MARKED DISADVANTAGE. ILLITERACY AND LACK OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN BASIC SKILLS ARE SOME OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CAUSES OF LOW PRODUCTIVITY AND POOR CONDITIONS OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. IN MANY COUNTRIES ILLITERACY IS MUCH HIGHER AND MORE WIDESPREAD AMONG WOMEN THAN MEN. GIRLS TEND TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL EARLIER THAN BOYS AND BOYS ARE GIVEN PRECEDENCE OVER GIRLS WHEN PARENTS HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE IF EDUCATION IS NOT FREE.

17. IN EMPLOYMENT, WHERE WOMEN CONSTITUTE MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION AND A GROWING SEGMENT OF THE LABOR FORCE, WOMEN MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY. YET THE VAST MAJORITY ARE CONCENTRATED IN OCCUPATIONS WITH LOW LEVELS OF SKILLS, RESPONSIBILITY AND REMUNERATION. THEY EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION IN PAY, PROMOTION, WORKING CONDITIONS AND HIRING PRACTICES. CULTURAL CONSTRAINTS AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES OFTEN FURTHER RESTRICT THEIR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS CONCERNING EQUAL PAY ARE FREQUENTLY DISREGARDED A WOMAN'S MARITAL STATUS FURTHER RESTRICTS HER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

18. IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS, WOMEN DO NOT SHARE EQUALLY WITH MEN IN THE RIGHT TO GOOD HEALTH CARE. THE SITUATION BECOMES MORE ACCENTUATED IN SOCIETIES WITH SHORTAGES OF HEALTH PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES AND CONSTITUTES A HIGH COST TO THE FAMILY. WOMEN NEED SPECIAL CARE DURING PREGNANCY, DELIVERY AND LACTATION. ADEQUATE NUTRITION IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE. WHEN FOOD IS SCARCE WOMEN OFTEN EXPERIENCE MORE MALNUTRITION THAN MEN EITHER BECAUSE THEY DEPRIVE THEMSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR FAMILIES OR BECAUSE SOCIETY PLACES A LESSER VALUE ON WOMEN.

19. IN THE AREA OF FAMILY LAW DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT AGAINST WOMEN WITH REGARD TO DIVORCE, CHILD CUSTODY INHERITANCE, TAXATION AND OTHER MATTER CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE GREATER OBSTACLES IN EQUAL TREATMENT AS A HUMAN PERSON.

20. IN POPULATION MATTERS THE UNITED NATIONS HAS REPORTED THAT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS ARE CLOSELY UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERRELATED AND THAT CHANGE IN ONE INVARIABLY INVOLVES CHANGES IN OTHERS. THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS BOTH A DETERMINANT AND A CONSEQUENCE OF THESE FACTORS. IT IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED WITH BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE, FERTILITY, MORTALITY, AND MIGRATION. THE STATUS OF WOMEN, PARTICULARLY THEIR EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, THE NATURE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND THEIR POSITION WITHIN THE FAMILY ARE ALL FACTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND TO INFLUENCE FAMILY SIZE. CONVERSELY, THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO DECIDE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY ON THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF THEIR CHILDREN AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION AND MEANS TO ENABLE THEM TO EXERCISE THAT RIGHT HAS A DECISIVE IMPACT ON THEIR ABILITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN COMMUNITY LIFE AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

RECOMMENDATION TO ECLA SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES  
DELEGATION ON POPULATION

21. TO TAKE NOTE OF THE RESOLUTION ON: "POPULATION, THE STATUS OF WOMEN, AND THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT" ADOPTED BY THE 18TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION COMMISSION AND ACCEPTED BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF ECOSOC, WHICH SPECIFICALLY "REQUEST UNITED NATIONS BODIES, WITHIN THEIR FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS,

IN COLLABORATION WITH MEMBER STATES, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM POPULATION AND PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION".

"(A) TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN THE MONITORING OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION TO THE EVOLVING STATUS OF WOMEN, KEEPING IN MIND THE MUTUAL INTERACTION AMONG POPULATION FACTORS, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

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"(B) TO SUPPLY INFORMATION TO THE ECOSOC ON THE ACTION  
TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION." KISSINGER

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